

CROMPTON | SEAGER | TUFTE | LLC

Patent, Trademark & Copyright Attorneys

1221 Nicollet Avenue, Suite 800
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55403-2420
Phone 612.677.9050
Fax 612.359.9349

RECEIVED
CENTRAL FAX CENTER
FEB 24 2006

FAX TRANSMISSION COVER LETTER

TO: Commissioner for Patents
Attn: Examiner L. Thanh
Mail Stop Amendment
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

DATE: February 24, 2006
FROM: David M. Crompton
OUR REF: 1001.1682102
TELEPHONE: 612-677-9050

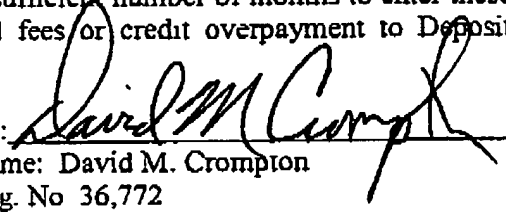
Total pages, including cover letter: 13

PTO FAX NUMBER: 571-273-8300

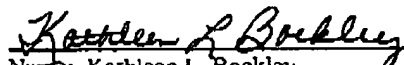
If you do NOT receive all of the pages, please telephone us at (612) 677-9050, or fax us at (612) 359-9349.

Title of Document(s) Transmitted: AMENDMENT
Applicant: Lex P. Jansen et al.
Serial No.: 10/079,103
Filed: February 19, 2002
Group Art Unit: 3763
Our Ref. No.: 1001.1682102
Confirmation No.: 6058
Customer No.: 28075

Please charge Deposit Account No. 50-0413 as follows: Fee Code ____ \$ ____ . Please consider this a PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME for a sufficient number of months to enter these papers, if appropriate. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0413.

By: 
Name: David M. Crompton
Reg. No 36,772

I hereby certify that this paper is being transmitted by facsimile to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on the date shown below.


Name: Kathleen L. Boekley

February 24, 2006
Date

P A T E N T

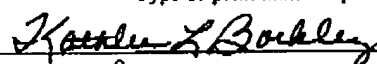
UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Lex P. Jansen et al. Confirmation No.: 6058
Serial No.: 10/079,103 Examiner: L. Thanh
Filing Date: February 19, 2002 Group Art Unit: 3763
Docket No.: 1001.1682102 Customer No.: 28075
For: CATHETER WITH COMPOSITE STIFFENER

**RECEIVED
CENTRAL FAX CENTER****FEB 24 2006**

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT

CERTIFICATE OF FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.8 (1)(B))	
I hereby certify that this correspondence is being transmitted by facsimile to the United States Patent and Trademark Office at <u>571-273-8300</u> on the date shown below.	
_____ Katileen L. Bockley Type or print name of person signing certification	
 Signature	February 24, 2006 Date

Dear Sir:

This paper is in response to the Office Action mailed November 30, 2005, with a shortened statutory period set to expire on February 28, 2006. This paper is filed within the set period for response such that no extension of time is necessary.

Please consider the following amendments and/or remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.